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## WASHINGTON SAYS LESS THAN HUNDRED FIFTY LIVES LOST

CONSULAR REPORTS TO WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT SAY THAT THE DEATH LIST ON ANCONA WILL NOT EXCEED THIS FIGURE.

Washington Officials Still Greatly Concerned Over Sinking of Vessel as it Seems Probable that American Lives Were Lost—Secretary Lansing Instructs that Statements Be Obtained from Survivors Wherever they Landed—Captain of Ancona Says, "Boats Loaded with Passengers Were Sunk by Shells from the Submarine."—London Newspapers Express Opinion that German Submarine Sank Ancona—Some Survivors Say Ship Was Given Warning Before Being Sunk—Pasquale Laurine, American, Among Missing.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 11.—Fewer than one hundred and fifty lives were lost on the steamer Ancona, according to consular advices today. The missing today stood at 149, but it was confidently believed that more would be reported saved. Lansing today instructed that statements be taken from survivors, wherever they landed.

Officials here are greatly concerned because of the possibility that there were American victims.

**No Signal Was Given**  
London, Nov. 11.—A Tunis dispatch says the Ancona's commander, who reached there Thursday, declares that the Austrian commander gave the Ancona no signal to stop. The first sign of the presence of the submarine being shells fired from a distance of five miles, which grazed the steamer. The Ancona was then stopped dead. The Ancona's captain says, that subsequently a shell hit the boats ready for launching, killing and wounding many of the passengers in the boats and on the deck.

Some of the passengers thrown in the water approached the submarine, but were repelled. The final shells and torpedoes were fired from a distance of three hundred yards.

**American Among the Missing**  
Naples, Nov. 11.—Pasquale Laurine, an American, is among the missing from the Ancona, according to information received today.

**Believe German Did It.**  
London, Nov. 11.—Many London newspapers editorially express the opinion that it was a German submarine which sank the Ancona. The accounts by some of the survivors say that the ship was not sent to the bottom without warning.

**Fired on Life Boats.**  
Rome, Nov. 11.—How many persons lost their lives in the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine in the Mediterranean has not been definitely ascertained, but latest advices from Naples say that 320 survivors have been landed at Tunis ports and fifty at Malta. The number of passengers on the Ancona is placed at 482 and the crew has been estimated variously from 60 to 160. From 172 to 272 persons, therefore, are unaccounted for.

The Ancona carried boats for the accommodation of 2,500, and it is possible that some of the boats are still afloat and may bring in additional survivors in the next twenty-four hours.

The Ancona was torpedoed Tuesday morning, and a Tunis dispatch to the Giornale d'Italia gives a dramatic though brief account of the attack.

"A submarine approached the Ancona towards noon," says this account, "and as soon as the steamer saw it an attempt was made to escape at full speed. The Ancona was overtaken and stopped. Then the

## WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Nov. 11.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder with frost; Friday fair.

## OKLAHOMA CITY HEARING

Will Probably Be Completed Tonight—Result Not Known.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 11.—Up to the noon hour today Art L. Walker, Robt. McFarlin, C. H. Clark and Wirt Franklin had testified before the corporation commission hearing on complaint of the Ardmore Producers' association in which the association seeks to have the price of Healdton crude advanced to 55c. It is believed here that the hearing will be concluded tonight, but what the result will be cannot be forecasted with any degree of certainty. The complainants base their complaint upon the laws of the state while those who are protesting base their claims upon the statement that the producers will be benefited by the commission taking its hands off the field.

## THIEVES WORK WHILE FAMILY IS AT CHURCH

GAIN ENTRANCE AND SECURE SMALL AMOUNT OF CASH AND A FEW MINOR ARTICLES. RANSACKED THE HOUSE.

While A. C. Young and family were attending church last night, sneak thieves entered their home in south-east Ardmore and secured a small amount in cash, and a few minor articles beside ransacking the house from cellar to garret. The thieves were evidently acquainted with the premises and likewise aware that the family would be away for some time. After removing dresser drawers and dumping their contents on the floor, they broke open trunks and boxes in their search for valuables that they could get away with. Then they sat down and had a lunch of bread and milk at their leisure.

The police were informed and began an immediate investigation, the theory is that whoever did the work, was very familiar with local surroundings, and the police have their eye on several suspects who live in that immediate vicinity.

## DROUGHT IS ON AT OIL FIELD METROPOLIS

SHERIFF GARRETT AND DEPUTIES SWOOP DOWN ON TRANSPORT TRAIN LAST NIGHT AND CAPTURE ENTIRE WORKS.

There will be a drought on in the oil fields for some time to come from the fact that Sheriff Garrett and two of his minions swooped down on a wagon train which was coming from Jefferson county, captured the entire outfit, including three men and teams and two wagon loads of wet goods, evidently on the way to the oil fields to relieve the monotony of Sundays. The stuff was confiscated and the three men were placed in the county jail to answer the charge.

The stuff was being transported from Jefferson county and as soon as the teams crossed the line they were held up by the officers, who took charge of further operations and did the driving themselves the rest of the route, arriving here this morning.

The oil fields, in so far as the whiskey traffic is concerned, have proven a nightmare to the officers of Carter, Jefferson and Stephens counties. The drillers and other operatives in the field are, as a rule, men who have come from places where they could get their glass of beer. They make good wages and want the privilege of spending their money as they see fit, and as long as that combination exists there will be someone who will take a chance on supplying them, even though they do get behind the bars eventually.

## SIX DEAD IN KANSAS STORM

TERRIFIC WIND AND RAINSTORM SWEEPED CENTRAL KANSAS LAST NIGHT.

## ALL WIRES ARE DOWN

Believed That List of Dead and Injured May Be Even Greater When Details Are Received From Stricken Districts.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11.—Six are known dead and at least fifty injured, some of them fatally, as a result of the terrific wind and rainstorm which swept central Kansas last night. Paralyzed wires made it impossible to reach the stricken district at noon today and it is believed the list of dead and injured may go higher.

Many reported dead or missing last night were found alive today.

The dead are at Great Bend 2, Larned 2, Seyba 1, Derby 1.

The storm swept Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa, but with lesser violence.

Great Bend reports the property loss there to be at least half a million dollars. The city water plant there, and laundry, three flouring mills, and the Santa Fe depot, together with fifty residences, were demolished. Santa Fe passenger train No. 5 narrowly missed the twister there.

The storm caused fires in several places, but the heavy rain which followed in the path of the storm extinguished the fires.

## SEC. LANE FORECASTS A NEW EUROPE

SECRETARY OF INTERIOR BELIEVES THAT WAR WILL LEAD TO MORE LIBERTY AND GREATER EUROPE WILL BE RESULT.

Raleigh, N. C., November 10.—A new and greater Europe growing out of the war now raging, with the peoples of the warring nations coming at last to a realization of the real liberty Americans gained so long ago, was pictured by the secretary of the interior, Franklin K. Lane, in an address before the state literary and historical association of North Carolina.

"One half of the world is at war today," said the secretary. "We look with horror upon the inhumanity of human nature and say to ourselves: 'Is this all that Christianity has brought? Have we made no further progress than to make possible this reversion to the days of Attila? What has become of that sweet song of the brotherhood of man? Was it but a spiritual opiate sung to deaden the soul of a brutal world? Whither has flown that sense of outrage against injustice, that men now die by the million because a prince was killed in Serbia?'"

"But these are the words of an unthinking despair. Surely our memories have not failed us. We must look back, look through this blinding storm of fire and see the Europe that was and that will be again. Then there was to be seen a pillar of fire leading the multitude—England trying to regain her lands for her people—Germany threatened with a transfer of political power from the few to the many—Russia slowly emerging from the middle ages with her groping Douma—France, la belle France, gentle, gracious, glorious France, living out the philosophy incorporated in the first ten lines of our own declaration of independence.

"Europe may burn up. Her people may be plasted by bankruptcy. Her national lines may be made to follow

new channels. Her industries may be buried. Her sons may fall and the blood and the brain of many an unknown Tolstoi, Beethoven, Pasteur or Darwin may fertilize her shell-furrowed fields. She may set up for a day new standards of national greatness. But these, all these, cannot destroy the passionate purpose of her people to own themselves, to find themselves and to decide for themselves what chains they will bear and what sacrifices they will make. For chains and sacrifices must be these mean social life, and only the anarchist dreams of a life without restraints. But Europe knows that it may have what we Americans long ago gained, that degree of freedom in which sacrifice is made—consciously and proudly made—for those and to those with whom we have a common interest. And this is liberty."

## TO ENTERTAIN THE SOLDIERS TOMORROW

MAYOR IS MAKING UP PROGRAM TODAY THAT WILL BE CARRIED OUT TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE CONFEDERATE HOME.

Mayor Mullen has invited several ladies of this city to assist in making up a program to be given at the Soldiers' Home tomorrow night, and they will endeavor to make the initial performance a success.

The board of trustees suggested this to the city commissioners some time ago, and the old soldiers and their wives are looking forward to the opening event eagerly. Music and dancing will make up the evening's entertainment, and the inmates are expected to participate largely in the latter.

The party will leave the city about seven o'clock, to arrive at the home a half hour later, and it is anticipated that quite a number will attend.

Persons interested may telephone any suggestions to the mayor, and they will be included in the program, if possible.

## THIRTEEN HUNDRED CLAIMS ARE SETTLED

THAT NUMBER HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF BY THE SANTA FE CLAIM AGENTS, AT WORK IN THIS CITY. HEARING FRIDAY.

Thirteen hundred claims had been settled by the claim agents up to last night, and many more were added to the list today.

The citizens' committee will hold a hearing on claims tomorrow and decide some in which the claimants and the agents have disagreed. There will be very few of this character, however, as the sentiment is against litigation of any character in the face of the attitude of the Santa Fe in making settlement as they have. The citizens' committee is supposed to be the court of last resort, and will be as far as the railroad company is concerned, according to their agreement. If any one fails to get a settlement as liberally as they think they ought, the chances are that they have had their sights raised a little too high for even their home folks to consider. The larger claims are being investigated at present, and some substantial drafts will be issued within a few days in settlement of these claims. Up to date approximately 1,500 claims have been registered with the citizens' committee.

**Death of Old Veteran.**  
Sherman, Tex., Nov. 11.—W. A. Allen, who served in the union navy during the civil war, died here today. He was 81 years old. He was present at the surrender of New Orleans.

## GERMANS FORCED OUT OF FORESTS

TEUTONIC FORCES IN FOREST WEST OF RIGA ARE FORCED BY RAINS TO EVACUATE.

## FIRING IN BALTIC

Violent Cannonading Heard Near the Entrance to Kiel Harbor and It is Believed to Be British Submarine Attack on German Warships.

London, Nov. 11.—The German troops have evacuated the forest district west of Riga, because it has been transformed into swamps by the recent rains.

On the Serbian front, news is vague today, but it is denied that the Germans have occupied the entire line from Krivelo to Krivolak, as was reported yesterday.

The Serbians have reached Kutchank and occupied the railways to which Bulgarians bound from Uskup to Prizrend, have advanced.

The Serbian government has been moved to Krusevo, east of Perlope. Nothing important is reported on the other fronts.

**Violent Cannonading Heard.**  
Copenhagen, Nov. 11.—Violent cannonading was heard today in the vicinity of Fehmarn Belt, on the Baltic sea, thirty-seven miles east of the entrance to Kiel harbor. It is believed to be a British submarine attack on the German warships.

**New British War Council.**  
London, Nov. 11.—England's new war committee of the cabinets during the absence of Kitchener, will consist of Premier Asquith, Alfred J. Balfour, David Lloyd-George, Andrew Bonar Law and Reginald McKenna.

**Steamer Caria Sunk.**  
London, Nov. 11.—The British steamship Caria has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved.

**Bulgars Cross Morava River.**  
Berlin, Nov. 11.—The Bulgarian troops have crossed the Morava river in Serbia at several places, according to an official statement, and in the mountains south of western Morava, four thousand Serbians have been taken prisoners.

**Bulgars to Attack French.**  
Paris, Nov. 11.—Saloniki dispatches say that the Bulgarians have retired from Balbanam Serbia, and are now concentrating before the French around Gerna. Heavy fogs are interfering with operations there.

## WILL SOON REORGANIZE FRISCO ROAD

PLANS FOR REORGANIZATION OF ST. LOUIS & SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD SUBMITTED AT JEFFERSON CITY.

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 11.—Plans for a reorganization of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad were submitted to the public service commission here today.

They provide for a reduction in the capitalization of nearly thirty millions, and a reduction in fixed charges of about 47 per cent.

An early decision is expected.

**Mudge to Rio Grande.**  
New York, Nov. 11.—H. U. Mudge was today elected president and director of the Denver & Rio Grande railway.